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Gathering diversities



CALL FOR PAPERS – 2018 Annual Conference

University of Regina

May 28th – 30th, 2017, Regina, Saskatchewan

The **Environmental Studies Association of Canada** (ESAC.ca) is pleased to invite you to participate in our Annual Conference at the University of Regina (<https://www.uregina.ca>) as part of the 2018 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (<https://www.congress2018.ca>).

This year's conference will be packed with exciting events and opportunities, including...

- A **Keynote Address** with acclaimed environmentalist, economist and writer, Winona Laduke (co-sponsored by the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Regina);
- The Annual ESAC Wine and Cheese with Poster Display;
- Our 10-Minute Thesis workshop for Graduate Students: [For grad student travel funding, see: <https://www.congress2018.ca/student-funding-0>];
- The announcement of the 2018 ECO-Award winner;
- Research sharing and networking opportunities galore;
- Other keynote speakers and Congress Big Thinking speakers (to be announced);
- Annual ESAC Field Trip (to Craik Eco-Village), and more!

This year's Congress theme, *Gathering diversities* | *mâdawinitotân nanâtohk-ayisiyiniwak*, "honours the history of the area as a traditional place of gathering, evoked in Regina's original name, Wascana, or oskana kâ-asastêki – where the bones are gathered, referring to the region's heritage as rich buffalo hunting grounds for a multitude of Plains cultures." As the Congress organizers have noted, the conference theme "evokes the idea of bringing people together in the spirit of building community...The way forward for Canada and for all Canadians is to continue gathering diversities." Reflecting this theme, ESAC keenly invites a diversity of submissions of scholarship and practice to engage with, address, and energize the vital and diverse environmental opportunities and challenges facing the world today. We invite proposals for paper presentations, pre-organized panel sessions, poster presentations, and 10-minute thesis presentations by graduate students.

As Canada's leading association of interdisciplinary researchers and practitioners involved in a diversity of environmental fields, ESAC facilitates networking and dialogue across environment-related fields and practices. All are encouraged to make submissions on a diverse range of issues, themes and case studies, including (but not limited to):

Environmental knowledge	Sustainable livelihoods	Climate change
Environmental education	Resilience	Community sustainability
Environmental politics	Sustainable development	Ecological economics
Environmental policy	Sustainable food systems	Gender and environment
Marketing sustainability	Resource management	Environmental psychology
Consumption/production	Political ecology	Environmental justice

Submission instructions [*NEW* submission process for the 2018 conference]:

All proposals must be submitted through the **online submission console**, by **Friday, January 15th, 2018** (acceptance e-mails will be sent out by February 2018), available at <http://esac.ca/2018form>

The conference organizing committee is accepting four distinct types of proposals:

1. Individual paper presentations of 15-20 minutes. Submissions can either be added to the common pool of papers, in which case presenters will be placed in the most appropriate session available, OR, papers can be submitted as a contribution to a pre-organized panel. **Please note:** The aim of this submission type is to present a stand-alone *paper*; as such we ask any graduate students wanting to present on their broader thesis research to submit a proposal for a '10-minute thesis presentation' instead (see below).
2. Pre-organized panel sessions of 1.5 hours. Sessions may include a series of papers (each 15–20 minutes long) on a single issue or a 'Roundtable' workshop addressing a specific topic. There is a **maximum** of four and **minimum** of three presenters per session. Sessions must have a coordinator. The coordinator organizes the session, submits the proposal for the session, and then ensures all of the contributors *also* submit their component papers through the online submission console.
3. Conference poster (and discussion): the **ESAC Poster Display** is open to all conference participants. Posters will be displayed during ESAC's wine and cheese event, and authors should be available for *informal discussion*.
4. 10-minute thesis presentations are open to graduate students who are in the process of researching or writing their Master's or Doctoral theses. Shortened presentations encourage early-career scholars to convey their research succinctly and maximize time for peer feedback.

Through the online submission console (<http://esac.ca/2018form>) applicants will be asked to include the type of submission, proposed title and key words, and an **abstract of 300 words max**, noting:

- The object of study or theme of session;
- Theoretical and methodological framework, concept or research question/objective;
- Main conclusions or hypotheses.

Membership and registration

You must be an ESAC member in good standing to present at the conference (or, alternatively, you can pay the 'non-member' rate... but NOTE: It's cheaper to get a membership!). Please visit <http://www.esac.ca/join-esac/> for details on joining ESAC. All delegates must also register for both ESAC and Congress through the Congress registration website, at <https://www.congress2018.ca/>

Tentative Program:

May 28th: ESAC opening plenary and program, poster display, wine and cheese, Eco-Award

May 29th: ESAC program, Banquet, Keynote Address with **Winona LaDuke**

May 30th: ESAC program, Annual Field Trip

Please visit www.esac.ca for further information and announcements, or contact the Conference Organizing Committee at ESACconference2018@gmail.com